

## **Listing of Claims:**

[Amendments shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).]

1. (Currently amended) Particle board comprising:  
a lower and an upper surface layer having a finer fraction of particles, and  
between these surface layers an intermediate layer having a coarser fraction  
of particles said intermediate layer ~~has~~ having a varying density,  
wherein said intermediate layer has a higher density in areas where the  
particle board is intended for fastening to another object,  
wherein said intermediate layer has at least one stranded part formed from  
particles and having a higher density than at least one other surrounding part  
of said intermediate layer.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) Particle board according to Claims ~~1~~, wherein at least  
one edge of the particle board coincides with a part of said intermediate layer  
having a higher density than another part of said intermediate layer.
5. (Currently amended) Particle board according to Claim ~~3~~1, wherein said at  
least one stranded part formed from particles and having a higher density than  
other surrounding parts is situated at a distance from and between two edge  
parts of said intermediate layer.
- 6-10. (Cancelled)